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NEWSLETTER

PURPOSE OF THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry was created by the General Assembly to protect the public by regulation of the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene through licensure, approval of educational standards, and the registration of dental laboratories and technicians. The Kentucky Board of Dentistry is a separate and distinct entity from any professional association and is an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR PATTON.

Susan Burton Feeley, D.D.S. of Crestwood, KY has been appointed to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, by Governor Paul E. Patton for a term of four years expiring June 30, 2006. Dr. Feeley is replacing Kimberly Westermann, D.M.D. Darlene Sand Wall, D.M.D. and Mary Ann Burch, R.D.H. were re-appointed to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry by Governor Paul E. Patton for a period of four years expiring June 30, 2006.

RENEWAL OF DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE FOR 2003-2004

Dental Hygienists who wish to renew their Kentucky Dental Hygiene license for 2003-2004 are required to send a copy of taking a Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services (CHS) approved HIV/AIDS course in 1999, 2000, 2001 or 2002 in with their renewal. Failure to send this will result in a delay in the renewing of your license, which could subject you to a \$25.00 reinstatement fee if not received or postmarked by December 31, 2002. ***(If you were licensed in 2001 or 2002, you had to send proof of taking an approved HIV/AIDS course to be licensed. Therefore, you do not need to send this proof with your renewal.)*** Anyone taking a course during this time will not be required to take it again for 10 years from the year you last took it. You will be notified on future renewal applications of the year that you will need to take a course. If you need approval information or need to take an approved HIV/AIDS course and have access to the Internet, you can visit the CHS web-site at <http://publichealth.state.ky.us>. Once into the web-site scroll down the page and click on Communicable Disease Program. Next, scroll down the page again and click on HIV/AIDS. A dialogue box will come up and you just need to click OK. Next, you will need to scroll down the page again and click on Approved HIV-AIDS Continuing Education Courses. Make sure you read the instructions very carefully before you look at any of the lists. If you need help or do not have access to the Internet, you may contact Janet English at 502/564-6539.

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The Kentucky Board of Dentistry continues to work diligently on promulgating administrative regulations in order to implement House Bill 467 of the 2002 Regular Session of the General Assembly. These administrative regulations will cover: general supervision of dental hygienists; administration of anesthesia by dental hygienists, and; coronal polishing by dental assistants/dental auxiliary personnel. These administrative regulations will be posted on the Board's web site when each becomes law. Also, the Board will mail a copy of each administrative regulation to all licensees of the Board when each becomes law.

ORAL CONSCIOUS SEDATION

With the growing use of oral, (Enteral) conscious sedation comes the need for more prudent guidelines. This mechanism and route of sedation is a controlled, pharmacological induced, depressed level of consciousness. With oral conscious sedation for the patient 13 years and older an anesthesia permit is not needed but you must use the following guidelines as a minimal current standard of care:

- Requirement of the dentist and staff to maintain current expertise in Basic Life Support (BLS).
- Equipment:
 - Oxygen delivery system with adequate full face masks and appropriate connectors that are capable of delivering oxygen to a patient under positive pressure
 - Pulse Oximeter
 - Blood pressure cuff and stethoscope
 - Oral air-way
 - Appropriate Emergency drugs
- Proper Anesthesia Records must be maintained as a permanent portion of the patient's file and shall include:
 - Informed consent for oral conscious sedation
 - Vital signs, blood pressure, and pulse must be recorded
 - A complete reporting of patient's weight and all drugs administered, dosages, level of consciousness
 - A discharge level of consciousness must be reported as well as blood pressure and pulse.

If a dentist administers or prescribes oral pre-medication for anxiety control only, at the appropriate dosage levels, then the above standards would not apply.

If a sedation procedure results in physical injury causing hospitalization of a patient within 24 hours of the procedure, a complete report shall be submitted to the Board within (30)days. The use of the words "sleep dentistry" is discouraged as this implies unconsciousness. Oral (Enteral) Conscious Sedation of the dental patient under the age of 13 would require a permit and following the guidelines described in 201 KAR 8:390.

In an effort to clarify the Board of Dentistry's new regulation for enteral conscious sedation KRS 313.220(4):

It **would not** be considered enteral conscious sedation if medications were prescribed for the patient and taken at home before the dental appointment. Referencing Section 1 definitions paragraphs (a) and (b).

It **would** be considered enteral sedation if any additional drugs were administered to the patient in the office during treatment producing a deeper level of sedation. Section 1 definitions part (2) paragraphs (a) and (b). This level of sedation requires a conscious sedation permit for

patients under the age of 13 years. Section 2 paragraph (8). For patients over 13 years of age, the requirements of Section 4 would apply.

REPORTING A CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS AND BUSINESS ADDRESS

There seems to be a recurring problem with licensee's notifying the Board office of changes in their mailing address. There have been many articles written in prior newsletters regarding this and many times a change of address form has been included in the newsletter.

By not keeping your mailing address current you will not receive mailings with important licensure information which could subject you to not being in compliance with current dental laws for which disciplinary action can be taken against your license.

Another concern is notifying the Board of your current place of employment. 313.080 (5) for dentists and 313.305 (5) for hygienists simply states: "Each dentist/dental hygienist licensed to practice under this chapter shall notify the board in writing of any change in the licensee's name, office address or employment within ten (10) days after the change has taken place. "

All changes must be received in writing. You may mail or fax this information to:

Kentucky Board of Dentistry
10101 Linn Station Road, Suite 540
Louisville Kentucky 40223
Fax: 502/423-1239

WEB SITE FOR THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

The web address for the Board's web-site is <http://dentistry.state.ky.us>. You can find information on our web-site regarding licensure, continuing education, past newsletters, laws and regulations. You are also able to do a search for current licensure for dentists and dental hygienists. We have recently added to our search registered dental laboratories. By adding this, we hope that each dentist will take a moment and check to make sure that the laboratory they choose to use is registered before sending any work to the lab. Please take a moment and visit our web-site. The web-site is updated as changes occur and the licensure/registration search is updated weekly. Should you have any questions about our web-site please call the Board office at 502/423-0573 .

Telephone numbers commonly asked for:

American Dental Association	1-800-621-8099
Kentucky Dental Association	502/459-5373
Southern Regional Testing Agency	757/428-1003
Medical Licensure Board	502/429-8046
OSHA	502/573-6892
DEA	502/582-5908
Cabinet for Health Services	502/564-6539

On January 1, 1999 for hygienists and January 1, 2000 for dentists, a new continuing education regulation went into effect. There still seems to be much confusion to this law as to the number of hours needed, the time frame they are needed and the different categories.

Below is a break down of the categories and what is needed to fulfill these categories.

Category A - HIV and CPR/BLS/ACLS/PALS.

CPR/BLS/ACLS/PALS. - You must maintain current certification. When your certification expires, you must re-certify.

HIV - All licensees must take a Cabinet for Health Services (CHS) Approved HIV/AIDS course once every 10 years. Dentists who renewed last year will not be required to take a HIV/AIDS course for 10 years from the date of the certificate that was sent to the Board for renewal of license for 2002-2003. Hygienists renewing this year will be required to send in proof of taking a CHS approved course with their renewal unless they were licensed in 2001 or 2002. It will be noted on future renewals for dentists and hygienists the year that you are to take a CHS approved HIV/AIDS course.

Category B - Scientific, Dental Related, Presentation format.

You must have no less than 20 hours in Scientific, Dental Related, Presentation format continuing education. You can have all 30 hours in category B, but no less than 20.

Category C - Other courses as noted.

You can count towards the 30-hour requirement, 10 hours of the following:

- ☹ Business
- ☹ Home Study
- ☹ Magazine or Journal articles
- ☹ Computer or video articles
- ☹ Non-dental Health related courses

You must keep on file for 5 years all continuing education, including CPR/BLS/ACLS/PALS. When you re-certify, DO NOT throw your card away. Place this card with your other continuing education documents. If you are audited, you are required to show proof that you maintained current certification.

Reporting period for continuing education shall be every two calendar years. (your renewal period) For example: Hygienists who renew this year and are audited will have to show proof of CE for 2001-2002. Dentist who will renew by December 31, 2003, and are audited will have to show proof of CE for 2002-2003.

INFORMED CONSENT



Except in an emergency where consent of the patient cannot be reasonably obtained before dental services are preformed, a patient must have an understanding of the procedure and medically or dentally acceptable alternative procedures or treatments. A patient must also have an understanding of substantial risks and hazards of the proposed treatment or procedures and have consented to the provision of dental services.

Always obtain consent from a Legal Guardian before the treatment of a minor patient under 18 years of age.

ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS

The Board receives many complaints against Dentist regarding their advertisement in telephone directories. The board strongly encourages and recommends that licensees make every effort to review their advertising copy for compliance with all the advertising laws.

Beware of telephone directories. Many times when a telephone company calls a dentist in regards to advertising, they will ask them if they do certain procedures. If the dentist answers yes, then the Telephone Company will list that dentist under a specialty in the telephone directory. If the dentist does not hold a specialty license in that specialty then they are in violation of advertising laws.

The dentist is responsible for the content of his/her advertising and therefore dentists need to make every effort to ensure that they pre-approve all their directory advertising before it is printed.

A dentist shall not advertise to the public in any manner which is false, misleading or deceptive.

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion age or disability in employment or provision of services.

Any licensee wishing to retire their Kentucky license must do so in writing. The best time to do this, is during a renewal period. Simply mark at the top of the renewal that you do not wish to renew your license, state the reason, sign and date it on the back and mail it in to the Board office. A letter will be sent in a few weeks confirming your request and the steps that will need to be taken if you wish to take it out of retirement. Failure to contact the Board office of retirement of licensure will result in your license being suspended for non-renewal. If your license is suspended for non-renewal and you wish to reinstate it later, you will have to come before the full Board to request reinstatement of your license.

RETENTION OF DENTAL RECORDS

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry does not have any laws concerning the length of time that patient dental records should be kept. You will need to contact your attorney or malpractice insurance carrier to obtain this information.

